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RE: Request to Withdraw from EPA Consideration the *Arizona State Implementation Plan Revision for the West Pinal County PM₁₀ Nonattainment Area*

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Dear Mr. Blumenfeld,

The purpose of this letter is to request that the *Arizona State Implementation Plan Revision for the West Pinal County PM₁₀ Nonattainment Area* be withdrawn from consideration for any further action by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

On July 2, 2012, portions of western Pinal County were designated as nonattainment for the 1987 PM₁₀ National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS). The Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) began to develop a State Implementation Plan (SIP) to comply with the Clean Air Act (CAA) and EPA regulations and submit the plan by January 2, 2014.

On December 30, 2013, ADEQ submitted the *Arizona State Implementation Plan Revision for the West Pinal County PM₁₀ Nonattainment Area* containing an emissions inventory and commitments to submit all remaining CAA requirements. Section 110(k)(1)(B) of the CAA stipulates that EPA must determine the completeness of plan submissions within 60 days of receiving a plan but no later than six months. ADEQ is currently developing the remaining CAA requirements; however, in order for EPA to make a finding of completeness, a SIP must contain all of the required elements for nonattainment area plans not just a commitment and schedule for submission. ADEQ is requesting to withdraw the plan in order to complete the development of all remaining requirements and submit a complete plan.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (602) 771-2288.

Sincerely,

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